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## CRISIS ON THE FOURTH FLOOR

By Stephen Lloyd, your friendly Library Committee Representative

The problems of our law library have reached crisis proportions. In 1989, the Gourman Report, a U.S. publication, ranked our fine faculty third among Canadian law schools, behind U. of Toronto and U.B.C. A «significant factor» in this number three ranking was our underfunded library.

Since that report things have only deteriorated further in our library's funding, while U. of T. has just finished building a new law library for \$16.5 million. The gap between McGill and the top law schools in the country will only continue to widen, unless something drastic occurs on the fourth floor of not-so-new Chancellor Day Hall.

The most underfunded area for our library is collection development. McGill's Librarian, Pat Young, has a tough task with respect to the McGill collection because she's forced to keep up an extensive research base for both the common and civil law jurisdictions, as well as for our graduate programs in Air and Space Law, International Business Law, Comparative Law, and Legal Theory.

Meanwhile, the cost of serials, which form 84% of collection expenditures, is going through the roof. Prices of these serials have been rising at rates up to three times the rate of inflation, to the point where the average cost of one serial (one C.C.C., or D.L.R., say) is \$165.

Last year, the law library was allocated

\$316,000 for collection development from McGill's Director of Libraries, which was supplemented by around \$58,000 in endowments and special gifts. However, to simply maintain its current list of serials, the library was forced to spend \$423,000. This \$50,000 overexpenditure was covered, as it has been the last few years, by the Director of Libraries. Alarming though, Ms. Young feels that the Director may not come through again this year.

If the law library has to eliminate its deficit by cutting spending on serials, Ms. Young will be forced to discontinue at least 25% of the current serial subscriptions in 1992. Remember, this is 25% of our already inferior collection.

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## DIARY OF A FIRST YEAR STUDENT

By Randy Hahn, LLB I

### MONDAY

Life is full of tough choices, I have a short break and have to choose between attending a lecture by Herb Gray on the Canadian economy, or listening to my new heavy metal CD. I end up choosing the CD knowing that Mr. Gray is, of course, very much into the punk rock scene in Montreal and no doubt many of his friends from that community will be in attendance. I know he will have a large audience.

### TUESDAY

I receive a telephone call from Boris Yeltsin. He explains that he has heard that for a course called «Foundations» I wrote an essay on his call for a return to the rule of law in Russia. He notes that he is indeed very concerned that law should operate effectively in his country. He asks for my advice.

«Well Boris», I begin to explain slowly and methodically «you have to under-

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**BAR PRIZE MOOT TRIBUNAL-ÉCOLE DU BARREAU - Ontario Human Rights Commission v. Zurich Insurance Co.**: Insurance companies and discrimination. This will be held on Wednesday, February 5 at 5 p.m. in the Moot Court. The bench exists of the following people: M. le juge Claude Vallerand (Court of Appeal), Mr. Justice Israel Mass (Superior Court) and M. le juge Pierre Michaud (Superior Court).

**JUGES POUR LES EXERCICES DE PLAIDOIRIE DE PREMIERE ANNÉE -**  
We need student judges from second, third and fourth year to judge the first-year pleading exercise. Judging a pleading exercise requires no particular qualifications other than a willingness to spend time reading the problem and preparing the hearing. Si cela vous intéresse, prière d'inscrire votre nom et d'indiquer votre disponibilité sur la feuille d'inscription affichée sur le babillard des travaux pratiques, dans l'escalier qui conduit au sous-sol de l'OCDH. Les exercices de plaidoirie se tiendront à 19h les jours suivants: Tuesday Feb. 11, Wednesday Feb. 12, Thursday Feb. 13, Monday Feb. 17, Tuesday Feb. 18, Wednesday Feb. 19, Thursday Feb. 20.

In order to encourage students to pursue graduate or post-graduate studies, to help them select a school and programme, and to let them know about the availability of funds for such options, we are setting up an Information Centre in the Graduate Programmes building located at 3661 Peel Street.

Throughout the year, efforts will be made to gather as much information as possible on existing fellowships and scholarships, and on law-oriented or law-related programmes offered by colleges and universities the world over. That information will be updated on a continuing basis.

**Indexes** on available fellowships and scholarships; graduate programmes; awards, prizes and internships (IIa.1)

A collection on documents on graduate pro-

These materials may be consulted at any time in room 104, 3661 Peel Street. Most of the documentation listed in the indexes is stored in the permanent Info Centre Library, in room 306. To have access to this room, you will need to register with the receptionist and present a McGill identification card.

**ABORIGINAL LAW ASSOCIATION - A** conference on Aboriginal Legal Issues will be held in the Moot Court on February 12, 1992, from 9:00 - 12:30 and 14:00 - 18:00. Confirmed speakers include Prof. Mary Ellen Turpel (Dalhousie), Prof. Leroy Little Bear (Lethbridge), and legal counsel from Indian Affairs Canada and the Ontario Native Secretariat. Stay tuned for surprise keynote speaker.... read next week's Quid and watch the Aboriginal Law Association noticeboard (near the cafeteria) for more information.

**SCARLET KEY AWARD 1992** - Nominations are now being called for the Scarlet Key Award. This award is given to students in recognition of excellence in leadership and outstanding contributions to the McGill Community. Application forms are available at the LSA office. The deadline for application is Friday February 14, 1992.

expenses will be paid for. Interested students should contact Greg David, LSA President.

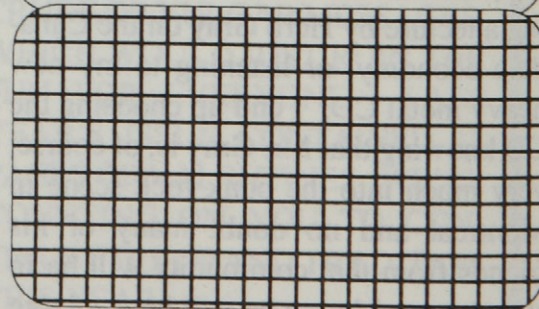
**WARNING BELL** - A partir de lundi le 3 février 1992, le personnel de la bibliothèque sonnera une cloche d'avertissement 5 fois de suite, 15 minutes avant la fermeture de la bibliothèque. This procedure will replace the signal of switching off and on the lights, which are linked to the power supply and could cause loss of data by library users working on personal computers.

A list of candidates who expect to graduate at Spring Convocation in June 1992 is posted in the Student Affairs Office. Your name will appear in the Convocation Booklet and on your degree as listed, unless the S.A.O. is otherwise notified. Please check carefully and notify the S.A.O. immediately of any errors or omissions.

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to Jonathan B., our super sports coordinator for doing such a fabulous job organizing a successful Law Games 1992.

from all the  
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participants.





## LAW GAMES WRAP-UP

First the facts: McGill with a final total of 103 came in second overall for participation (#of participants) behind Laval and third overall for sports victories behind Dalhousie and, unfortunately, O.....

Sportswise: Matt T. won mens squash; Greg H. came in third. Womens squash: Chantal A. second and Lori K. third. Billiards: André B. and Edsel M. second; Grahm G. and Benoit M. third. Tug of War: McGill in first place. Mens hockey: a brilliant second place, losing in overtime in the finals to a pack of wringers parading under the flag of Dalhousie Alumni; including a Washington Capitals star.

Womens hockey: second place, losing only to a very experienced and professionally-coached Windsor. Soccer: McGill won the consolation round.

The plush Halifax Hilton was site of this year's McGill hallwalk, a tradition which continues to puzzle other law students, who cannot conceive of a party which does not consist of screaming at the top of your lungs and moving at speeds which should be preserved for the rat-race of daily life at a Toronto Corporate firm. A very distinctive McGill cheer was developed this year; unfortunately the Laval chanters were not quiet enough for anyone than those participating in the cheer

to hear it.

Eligible Bachelor News: Lisa S. met and in the space of the 4 days of the Law Games, got engaged with a fine young man who happens to be the son of Kaufman, J. of the Quebec Court of Appeal. Jennifer W. was also seen talking at quite close quarters and in a very friendly manner in the hotel hot tub with the son of Iaccobucci, J.

Sherbrooke very deservedly won the Spirit Award this year and, pending approval from Sherbrooke's mayor and dean, will be the host of next year's Games. Only 360 days .....until then.....

### GREENSPACE: ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS WEEK

February 3-7 is Environment Awareness Week at McGill, 5 days dedicated to improving our knowledge about the challenges that we face, and the successes that we've achieved, in our efforts to conserve our natural environment. The week was organized by a group of concerned students from various faculties, clubs and organizations around McGill, and it is sponsored by several university

environmental groups, McGill Waste Management and the SSMU. Starting at 11:00 Monday, February 3, events will be occurring at several different places around campus and you are all invited to participate. The following is a schedule of events for the week.

All Day, Every day  
Children's Art Display, Leacock;

Workshops, Room 107-108, Union Building; Environmentally-Friendly Mugs & T-Shirts for Sale, Union Building.

**Monday Lunch** : Garbage Sculpture, Union Building (Engineers Only).

**Evening**: James Bay Debate, Room 232, Leacock at 8:00

**Tuesday Lunch**: Papermaking, Union Building room 107-108, 3:00 - 5:00

**Evening**: Jim MacNeil, «Economy & Environment After Brazil», McIntyre Medical Martin Theatre, 6:00

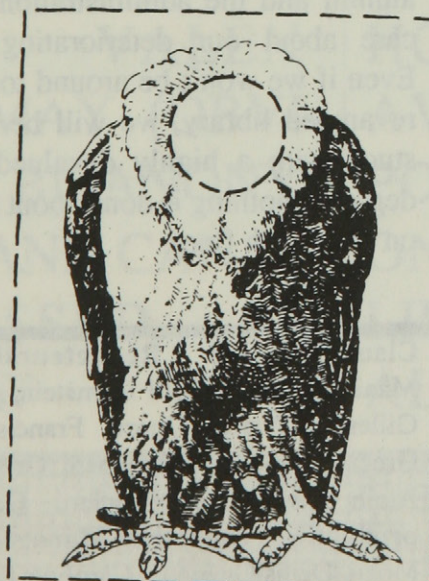
**Thursday Lunch**: «Creative things to do with your junk», Union Building, 12:00 - 2:00

**Evening**: Sustainable Development Talk, Moot Court, 6:00

**Friday Lunch**: Waste Management, Union Building, Room 107-108, 12:00

**Evening**: Benefit Concert «Mama Z \$ the Supreme Court», Gerts 10:00, \$1.00, proceeds to McGill Waste Management.

#### VULTURE: An Existential Fingerplay



- 1) Cut along dotted lines.
- 2) Insert and crook finger.
- 3) Hold panel over your head.
- 4) Think about all the things you still haven't done in your life.



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## Crisis? What crisis?

Even closer at home for us students is the physical state of the library facilities. When the library was built in 1965-66, it was intended to serve the needs of up to 250 students, and to house 100,000 volumes. As is recorded in Ms. Young's 1991 Annual Report, the current student population is now approximately 625, and the law library's collection now numbers about 248,000 volumes, including government documents.

The library is now 95% full, and grows at a rate of 4% a year. The staff managed to buy an extra year's growth last year, but only through a massive weeding out process. The scramble for space over the last 15 years has made life in the library increasingly unpleasant for staff and students alike. For instance, the renovation that removed the central staircase in the library, in order to save space, are apparently to blame for the abominably poor ventilation and temperature control on floors 3 through 6.

So what do we do? One answer is to accept that McGill does not have the funds to maintain an adequate legal collection on hand. Instead, we could change our view of the library to one where it is primarily responsible for coordinating information on microfiche, and for arranging for the borrowing of any printed materials that are needed from other libraries.

Fortunately, we don't appear ready to travel the road - yet. As you probably have heard, McGill is organizing a Capital Funds Campaign, and some cash appears to be on the way. Jane Lalonde,

the Development Officer for the faculty of Law, has done a terrific job in gathering support for a revamped law library among faculty and the administration.

The library is now the official top fundraising priority for the Faculty of Law, and the Capital Funds Campaign has approximately \$8.5 million for a new law library, and \$930,000 cash for serials and books. There is an additional target of \$3.2 million for a library collection endowment.

The plan is to build an entirely new library, on the site of the ratty apartment building just above OCDH. New Chancellor Day Hall is to be reserved exclusively for classrooms and offices. The extent of the features offered by this new library will depend on the amount of money raised, but they could include mooted rooms, closed carrels for graduate students, a reading room, a computer lab, an A.V. room, and space for a larger collection. The aim is to provide seating for 65% of the students which is the norm for U.S. law schools, and a better working environment and ventilation system.

So when do they start digging? The capital campaign is only in the «pre-campaign phase», with the international, public phase due to be launched in September 1993. The pre-campaign phase involves a soliciting of the internal McGill community: students, faculty, staff, advisory and governing boards. The campaign is scheduled to last from 3 to 5 years, and no construction will begin until McGill knows where all the private funds are coming from. We probably won't see this thing in our McGill lifetimes, in other words.

However, in the words of Ms. Lalonde, «Student participation in the McGill 21st Century Fund is crucial. Student support sends a powerful message to other prospective supporters outside of the immediate McGill family - alumni, corporations, foundations and other «friends» of McGill. In the last capital campaign a major foundation had committed \$2 million to the construction of the new athletics facility. When the students pledged \$4 million to the building, the local foundation increased their contribution to \$4 million to match that of the students. The new law library will have to be built with law money, not with government or general McGill funds.

The faculty also appears fully prepared to do their part. In the 1983-86 capital funds campaign, the Law Faculty had the highest participation rate on the campus: 95%.

Our highly esteemed L.S.A. president, Greg David, is the law faculty representative to the McGill 21st Century Fund standing committee. This committee is to decide how best to hit up the student body for bucks. If you have any fundraising ideas for the library, however zany, please contact me or Greg in the L.S.A. office. In the meantime, stay tuned for a Library Crisis Coffee House, as a starting point.

We as students have to demonstrate to alumni and the administration that we care about our deteriorating library. Even if we won't be around to enjoy a revamped library, we will be the ones stuck with a highly devalued McGill degree if nothing is done about the crisis on the fourth floor.

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## QUID SPECIAL VALENTINE'S DAY ISSUE

VALENTINE'S DAY IS NEARLY UPON US, AND WITH IT THE QUID SPECIAL ISSUE THAT YOU ALL SO DEARLY ENJOY EVERY YEAR.

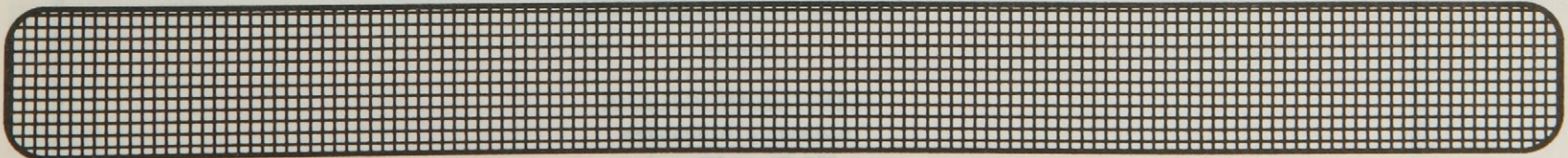
TO INCLUDE A VALENTINE IN THIS YEAR'S ISSUE, YOU SHOULD DROP IT OFF IN ONE OF OUR TWO SPECIAL BOXES, WHICH YOU WILL FIND AT SADIE'S AND IN FRONT OF THE MOOT COURT IN NCDH. VALENTINES MAY (OBVIOUSLY) BE ANONYMOUS, AND CAN BE ADDRESSED TO FELLOW STU-

DENTS AS WELL AS TO THAT SPECIAL PROFESSOR WHICH GAVE YOU AN «A» LAST SEMESTER. LES VALENTINS PEUVENT ETRE ÉVIDEMMENT ÉCRITS DANS LA LANGUE DE VOTRE CHOIX, ET LA FORME DANS LAQUELLE ILS SE PRÉSENTENT EST LAISSÉE À VOTRE ENTIERE DISCRÉTION (i.e. POEME, CHANSON, etc...).

HOWEVER, TO AVOID DISAPPOINTING ANYONE, WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU ALL TO PLEASE

REFRAIN FROM SUBMITTING ANY OFFENSIVE, CRUDE OR VULGAR MESSAGES, WHICH WOULD JUST RUIN THE FUN FOR EVERYONE. LAST YEAR'S ISSUE CONTAINED 12 PAGES OF VALENTINES. WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU TO CONTINUE THIS GRAND TRADITION THIS YEAR!

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Interviews will be held after March 2, 1992.

**We also invite you to an Open House at Martineau Walker on February 15, beginning at 10:00 A.M. Refreshments and lunch will be served. R.S.V.P.**

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Me Norbert M. Haensel (397-4360)

or

Me Dimitri Mastrocola (397-4385)

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Les entrevues se dérouleront à partir du 2 mars 1992.

**Nous vous invitons également à une Journée Porte-Ouverte chez Martineau Walker le 15 février à partir de 10h00. Un lunch sera servi. R.S.V.P.**

Une brochure concernant notre cabinet et le stage est disponible au Bureau des affaires étudiantes. Si vous avez des questions concernant notre cabinet, notre procédure d'embauche, ou tout autre sujet,

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